(c) Introduction of a train from Panvel to Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus has not been found operationally feasible.

Mobile telephone In running trains

3143. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce mobile telephone facility in the running trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to provide Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) between Driver and Guard of a running train Station Master, field maintenance staff and control office on category 'A', 'B' & 'C routes, on Indian Railways. MTRC system would not only enhance safety in train operations but would also help maintenance staff along the railway track. Eight (8) Works for provision of MTRC on a total of 3200 Route Kilometres have already been sanctioned on 5 zonal railways ***viz.*** Eastern, East Central Northern, Northeast Frontier and North Central Railways for execution.

(c) Does not arise.

Increasing the quota of appointment on compassionate ground

†3144. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a suggestion to increase the quota of appointment on compassionate ground from maximum five per cent to maximum ten per cent out of the direct recruitment quota;

(b) if so, by when final decision would be taken in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking decisions in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.